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Different views, same first name

Filmmaker Michael Wilson critiques Michael Moore's opinions about America

By Bridget Sharp
REPORTER

Less than ten minutes before the speaker was to begin, there were more students laughing in the hallway than there were sitting and waiting for filmmaker Michael Wilson to speak in the multi-purpose room in the Union.

Mimicking an iconic photo of an Iraqi prisoner forced to pose at Abu Ghraib, a protester stood outside the room bare-legged in a black shroud with arms outstretched. Students pointed and laughed at the anti-war protester who held a sign that read "This is not freedom from oppression."

The protester revealed her identity only after the crowd cleared to settle before the presentation. The shrouded woman was Debbie Dalke, a Bowling Green resident who has no affiliation with the University. Dalke

said her intention was to protest the war in Iraq and last evening's event.

Filmmaker Michael Wilson spoke yesterday about his latest project, a documentary called "Michael Moore Hates America."

"But Michael Moore loves America," Dalke said. "Michael Moore hates torture. Michael Moore hates oppression. Clearly what we're doing in Iraq is not freeing Iraqis."

Wilson opened his talk with a nod to Dalke.

"Did you guys see that I had a protester tonight?" Wilson said, smiling.

He showed clips of his film and answered audience questions. Wilson's film did not address U.S. policy, nor did it take a stance on the war in Iraq.

"I myself have mixed emotions about [the Iraq war] at times," Wilson said.

"When you come and protest me without understanding what I'm saying, you're doing a disservice to this big American conversation."

MICHAEL WILSON

Later, Wilson asked protester Dalke if she had seen his film. Dalke said that she had not watched it.

"Michael Moore [and his films,] it gets people like you all riled up," Wilson said. "And you come out here and you stand out here and you do your thing, right? It's cool, and I love that. But I'm just saying that [Moore's] dishonest. He lied. He lied to you."

The purpose of the film was to challenge Moore's credibility, Wilson said. The film suggests that Moore misrepresented the facts in films "Bowling for Columbine" and "Fahrenheit 9/11."

Wilson said he often receives premature liberal protest from folks who, like Dalke, never saw his film. One person later sent an apology to Wilson for a hate letter he had previously sent before watching his film.

"When you come and protest me without understanding what I'm saying, you're doing a disservice to this big American conversation," Wilson said. But Wilson called free speech a "beautiful right."

The film has earned acclaim from conservative independent film festivals, like the American



Brian McRoberts BG News

MIKE VS. MIKE: Michael Wilson addresses students' questions at the Union last night regarding his thoughts on Michael Moore's work.

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AUSTRIA REPRESENTED



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UNITED NATIONS LEADERS: BGSU students and faculty returned home after spending six days in New York City at the National Model UN conference. While there, they represented Austria during the United Nations simulation, under the direction of Marc Simon, chair of the Political Science Department. Students were involved in nine different committees. "It was great representing a sizable country such as Austria," said Lindsay Leguillon, a junior double-majoring in international studies and German. "It was also great meeting so many different types of people."

Activists fight 'looksism'

By Holly Abrams
REPORTER

With so much talk about racism, sexism and classism, many people may overlook the persistent trend in society of looksism.

In a small group setting yesterday students and staff discussed how society revolves around the way people treat each other based on their appearance.

The talk "Looksism 101" was in celebration of Rainbow Dayz, a week-long awareness event for the LGBTQ community. Freshman Joseph Aufenthie, who is interning at the LGBTQ resource center, was the presenter.

Looksism is the discrimination or prejudice against people based on their appearance, Aufenthie said.

The attraction to looks is part aesthetic and part natural instinct for mate selection. But it is the media's portrayal and negative connotations regarding ugliness that make looksism detrimental, Aufenthie said.

"Looksism effects our daily lives through fads and trends," he said. "Many people are valued for their looks."

Aufenthie discussed how look-

sism is presented in the movies, music and commercials.

He noted the unrealistic expectations media puts on women to be beautiful. There are shocking discrepancies between the average woman, a Barbie doll and a typical store mannequin, he said.

In connection to Rainbow Dayz, Aufenthie discussed the relationship of looksism and social-economics to the queer community.

Looksism often targets women and gay men, he said.

Audience member and graduate student Joelle Ryan noted a similarity between the two groups.

"Both heterosexual women and gay men are scrutinized by heterosexual men," Ryan said.

Women are persecuted by looksism through objectification, fat oppression and the media's message, Aufenthie said.

There are ways to solve these issues, Aufenthie said.

People need to realize that attraction is not a definition for beauty and not being attracted to someone does not mean they are ugly, he said.

"We also need to understand the need for a diverse populace of different body shapes and sizes, and to realize that the media portrays looks inaccurately," he said.

In addition attraction or unattraction does not decide self worth, he said.

"I thought it was very good and it's important to put issues of looksism on the table," Ryan said. "There is so much judgment in people's looks and we need to brainstorm ways to overcome it."

Rainbow Dayz serves to inform people and promote diversity, said Nicky Damania, director of the LGBTQ center.

"It's a topic that everyone knows about but it's one of those topics you need to keep hearing about," he said.

Rainbow Dayz is sponsored by the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives, the LGBTQ resource center, Vision and many other co-sponsors.

Some may think minority groups desire specific privileges, Damania said.

"We're not asking for special rights, we're just asking for equality," he said.

Wellness Connection prepares for upcoming Health Fair

The Health Fair will provide testing at no charge.

By Noelle Visintainer
GUEST REPORTER

Want to see if you're eating right? Or maybe you're not sure if drinking is affecting your attitude towards school? Or maybe you need to do a presentation about a health issue and don't know where to begin?

The Wellness Connection and the free services that are offered can help, and has helped a large number of students over the years.

What little you may hear about this educational and promotional branch of the Health Center

may surprise you, considering the level of participation they have with students and events on campus.

One of their largest projects is coming up shortly. The annual Health Fair will be on April 6 in the Union.

There will be representatives from all areas of health to pass out information and chat with students.

This year there are over 40 exhibitors. Tests including cholesterol, glaucoma and blood pressure will be given at no charge.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and the Wellness Connection will be hosting speakers during the month to address the issue.

This year they have passed out over 150 Smoke-Out kits in

an attempt to provide information on the harms of smoking cigarettes along with information about quitting.

The Health Fair will also have a number of peer educators who give presentations to classes and groups on campus. These presentations will vary from alcohol safety, nutrition, body image and sexual assault.

Students interested in being peer educators register for HHS 440 to learn the skills to give health related presentations to large groups.

Nutrition counseling with a registered dietitian is offered at no charge to all students. She

is available if a student has a simple question about weight loss or gain, but also many other issues. She helps students target healthy dining on campus and services can include a comprehensive computerized diet analysis at no charge.

If you have questions about alcohol or your personal decision making with alcohol or drugs you can make an appointment with the drug and alcohol counselor.

According to the Wellness Connection's health promotion coordinator Barb Hoffman, these women see about 200 students every year.

Hoffman has been an employ-

ee of the University since 1985 and has been the Health Promotion Coordinator since 2000. She feels that student involvement has increased every year.

"We are up to about 5,000 students a year who are coming in. Some are to see the dietitian and make appointments but many also come in to check out videos and posters, or pick up handouts," said Hoffman.

The Wellness Connection has a large library of health-related issues. There are hundreds of videos that can be borrowed on a variety of topics such as cancer, AIDS, depression, stress, self-esteem and others.

There are also a number of pamphlets that decorate the wall of the Wellness Connection when you enter the front the door with

information on many of the same topics that the videos provide.

"Our most popular topics are alcohol and sexual health," Hoffman said. "We see videos and information in those areas used often."

Even though the numbers of students that use resources at the Wellness Connection is high, they hope that more students will use the services that are offered.

"I love to see the changes in students. Whether it is eating healthier, or exercising more regularly, or making smart decisions with their sexual behavior. We know that we are making a difference," Hoffman said.

"It's been such a great experience working at the Wellness

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

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Mostly Sunny
High: 62°
Low: 36°

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Low: 30°

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Partly Cloudy
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Wellness helps students make health choices

HEALTH, FROM PAGE 1

Connection," student intern Laura Szarek said. "It's such a great resource to have on campus and everyone is so friendly."

The Wellness Connection has been a part of the University since 1985 and will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in the fall.

Funding for programs through the Wellness Connection come from various places but the program receives much of its support through grants. They received a \$25,000 grant for their alcohol initiative to increase awareness of the dangers of alcohol and how to use the substance responsibly.

Students pay general fees in their tuition and a small portion of that is used to fund the Wellness Connection also.

Vice president of student affairs Edward Whipple also allots a certain amount of money for Wellness Connection every year.



PRISONER PROTEST: BG resident Debbie Dalke poses in the Union outside Wilson's speech as a tortured Iraqi prisoner in Abu Ghraib.

Wilson discusses his film

WILSON, FROM PAGE 1

Film Renaissance. Wilson wrote, produced, directed and edited the film with a budget of \$150,000, although the Internet movie database mistakenly lists his budget at \$250,000, Wilson said.

Wilson's budget came out of his own pocket by "charging the living sh-- out of my credit cards."

Clearly, this budget was much smaller than Moore's. Wilson's film came out in 2004 in response to "Fahrenheit 9/11," but was not at all as popular. Wilson credits most of the film's popularity to conservative bloggers who linked to his movie Web site from their blogs.

Given the chance to talk to Michael Moore, Wilson said he knows what he'd say.

"I'd say, 'Have you seen my movie yet? Did it make you feel different about what you do?'" Wilson said.

The event was organized by members of the College Republicans as part of their Republican Week.

REPUBLICAN WEEK CONTINUING

TODAY: Fake group, People for Eating Tasty Animals, will pass out beef jerky at a table in the Union all day before evening speaker David Horowitz, the activist who inspired Senate Bill 24. Horowitz will sign copies of his book, which is available in the bookstore, at 7 p.m. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Olscamp 101.

TOMORROW: Ronald Reagan Remembrance Day. Reagan's favorite candy, jellybeans, will be passed out all day at the table in the Union.

Each day this week until Thursday has a theme. Monday was "Support our troops day," and yesterday was "anti-Michael Moore day."

Today at their table in the Union, members will call themselves PETA, a fake group whose invented acronym means "People for Eating Tasty Animals," and they will pass out beef jerky.

"Hopefully that will bring attention so more people will come [Wednesday]," said Treasurer Jessica Colston.

Although many seats were empty last night in the multi-purpose room with nearly 80 people in attendance for Wilson, College

Republicans probably shouldn't be concerned about tonight's potential turn-out.

Tonight's speaker is David Horowitz, who is the popular conservative activist who inspired Ohio Senate Bill 24. Horowitz and Senate Bill 24 have many students and faculty in uproar about the controversial legislation that would regulate classroom speech.

Horowitz will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Olscamp room 101. Copies of Horowitz's book are sold at the University bookstore. Readers can bring books to have the author sign at 7 p.m. before his presentation.

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CORRECTIONS

Rainbow Dayz photo

In yesterday's front page photo, Lauren Saxe's name was misspelled.

Family mix-up

In yesterday's State article, "Mike DeWine will run for U.S. House," both the headline and photo caption were incorrect in saying Mike DeWine is running for U.S. House of Reps. Instead, his son Pat is running.

Trio of candidates squares off

USG vice presidential candidates share their platforms at debate.

By Russ Zimmer
REPORTER

Candidates offered colorful and articulate responses to many of the questions posed at the Undergraduate Student Government vice presidential debate last night, including what type of tree they would be.

Chelsea Lambdin wants to be a pollen spreading tree to "agitate" USG into more effectively advocating for students.

Bernard Little wants to be a palm tree because, every once in a while, he needs to stop and breathe during his hectic schedule.

Greg Kohlreiser wants to be the stinky tree by Mosely Hall because, like the alleged intense odor of the tree, he "won't go away—from the issues."

The candidates were all quick to praise the work USG has done over the past year, but each

agreed change is necessary.

"We need to get off our high horses. It's time for us to get out and serve," Little said.

All the candidates were quick to point out the competency of their opponents to fill the position, and though they share similar platforms, each stressed the directions of their terms could be different.

Only Little has experience serving in USG, currently as chief of staff, but neither Kohlreiser and Lambdin are concerned about inexperience.

Lambdin, who is running with USG senator Niki Messmore, has been attending USG meetings regularly. Most recently she co-authored legislation to endorse a letter to be sent to Gov. Taft for the lowering of flags in honor of fallen Ohio soldiers.

"Michael Ginsburg (Associate Dean of Students) said that every student is a member of USG," Lambdin said. "I think that's right."

Kohlreiser, who is involved in numerous extra-curricular activities, believes that his lack

of familiarity with USG may be a positive element as he can provide a fresh voice. Since he is running on the same ticket as incumbent president Alex Wright, Kohlreiser thinks his greenness to USG procedure is a non-factor.

"With Alex and I there would be continuity in him being elected again. Plus I could bring in viewpoints from outside organizations," Kohlreiser said.

Much of the debate was focused on communication both within USG and the student community. Little, who is running with USG's Greek liaison Aaron Shumaker, keyed in on the legislative process and how to improve it.

"Whenever an issue is brought to USG, there is a five minute debate period. A senator will then raise their hand and say 'I think.' Before we form an opinion we need to talk to our constituents," Little said.

Lambdin is excited to tackle big student issues facing BGSU, something she has been doing well before her current cam-

paign. Working better with students to improve communication is one of the strengths of a Messmore/Lambdin ticket, more so than their opponents, Lambdin said.

Kohlreiser also wants to promote a dialogue between student and representatives. He seeks to do this by getting involved first-hand.

"I look forward to the opportunity to make USG not just a legislative body, but a student organization," Kohlreiser said.

The elections for USG president and vice president will be held on-line at the BGSU Web site beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, April 11 and ending 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 13.

The debate was moderated by USG chief administrator Erica Baughman. Questions were submitted by senators and all three candidates were given two minutes to answer — opening and closing remarks were given four minutes each. Questions were also fielded from audience members.

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The recipient must be a rising Junior or Senior, maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, demonstrate active participation in University organizations, and be available for a personal interview with the selection committee.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Financial Aid, 231 Administration Building, or from the SFA web-site www.bgsu.edu/offices/sfa and click on Financial Aid Forms and then Scholarship Applications.

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D. 1970. In the Cardinal Room of the Union.

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The deadline to apply is on Friday, April 1st by 5:00 pm to the Office of Campus Involvement.

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<http://events.bgsu.edu/>

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Research Project Clinics University Libraries is once again offering Research Project Clinics. These clinics offer undergraduates a chance to work one-on-one with a librarian on a specific research assignment. Students can develop search strategies, discover various print resources and services on the first floor of the Jerome Library and identify online resources for their topics. Jerome Library

Noon - 1 p.m.

Bring Your Favorite Professor/

Mentor to Lunch

Brown Bag Lunch: "The 7th annual Bring Your Favorite Professor/Mentor to Lunch" Is there someone on campus who has made a difference in your life at BGSU? Would you like the opportunity to say "thank you" to a female professor, administrator, advisor or mentor? Now is your chance! The Women's Center is hosting a free lunch for students and their invitees to honor women who make a difference in the lives of students at BGSU. Please call The Women's Center (372-7227)

for more info. In recognition of Women's History Month. The Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Last Last Lecture Mortar Board presents Dr. Gene Poor as a part of their Last Lecture Series. Dr. Poor will lecture on any topic he chooses, as if it were his last lecture ever. Union Theater

6 - 7:30 p.m.

UDA Modern Dance Workshop University Dance Alliance

presents a workshop in Horton Style Modern Dance Technique. The class will be taught by Nicole Springer, former company member of Deeply Rooted Dance Ensemble in Chicago. This event is open to anyone interested, regardless of experience. Cost is \$3, or free to UDA members. For More Information Contact: UDA President Maria Perez mperez@bgnet.bgsu.edu 222 Eppler North

8 p.m.

Faculty Artist Series: Nina Assimakopoulos, flute Series featuring faculty performers from the College of Musical Arts. Free and open to the public.

Moore Musical Arts Center

8 - 9 p.m.

Campus Worship Sponsored by Active Christians Today Prout Chapel

OU updates plan for improvements

By Carolyn Casey
THE POST (OHIO U.)

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio — Ohio University is updating its 10-year-old campus master plan to coincide with the goals of its new strategic plan.

The plan, which was proposed by OU President Roderick McDavis, defines the vision, guiding principles and mission statement of the university.

The master plan, which will direct the university for the next 10 to 15 years, will verify the inventory of OU's current facilities and space, as well as outline its intentions for growth and development. More specifically the plan will include a strategy for utilities and technology to correlate with a residential/housing plan on campus. Another concern is

parking and transportation around campus.

The current master plan was completed in 1996, and the items that were not accomplished, for example, the university student center, will carry over and be the starting point of the new plan, said John Kotowski, assistant vice president for facilities planning. Walter Hall and Grover Center were also on the plan but are finished.

"What this becomes is a guide for the university to assist in its decision making for the next several years," said Pam Callahan, director of Capital Planning and Facilities as well as project manager for the new master plan.

The plan costs \$600,000 to create and will come from auxiliaries funds and administrative fees.

Professor calls for more restorative public spaces

By Valerie Takahama
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER (KRT)

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Professor Oladele Ogunseitan takes out a pen and draws four figures on a sheet of paper: a square, a circle, a triangle and a complicated squiggle.

When he was a kid, Ogunseitan, who teaches at the University of California at Irvine, was fond of asking people he met to rank the shapes in order of preference to predict how well he'd get along with them.

According to his test, someone who likes the square the best is an orderly, security-focused person; the circle, a gentler soul; the triangle, an aggressive sort, and the squiggle — his favorite — a creative type.

"We tell mental stories about shapes. This is the simplest form," he says of his childhood quiz.

Now a microbiologist and professor of social ecology, Ogunseitan hasn't stopped studying people's preferences. Only these days, instead of circles and

squares on a page, he's looking closely at how people feel about the world around them. It's called topophilia, the "affective bond" that people feel for a place.

In his most recent research, published last month in the journal Environmental Health Perspectives, he offered proof that there's a link between a person's environment and his or her sense of well-being, an idea that scientists have long believed but hadn't demonstrated. For the first time, Ogunseitan created a method to measure the strength of the relationship and identify the preferences of specific populations.

His researchers asked 379 people on the UC Irvine campus to rate certain features in the urban environment such as trees and flowers, a sense of spaciousness or privacy, and colors and sounds. He then asked them about their mental well-being, as measured by the World Health Organization's Quality of Life survey.

When he crunched the numbers, he found the environmental features that ranked highest were flowers and bodies of water such as lakes and oceans, while buildings or landscapes with complex designs and lots of textures were perceived as less calming or restorative.

Seated at the Noguchi "California Scenario" Garden, an urban park bordered by mirrored bank towers in Costa Mesa, Ogunseitan says he envisions architects, landscape designers and planners using his method to create new public spaces that are healing and restorative to greater numbers of people.

"Maybe you have only five minutes to spend here; does it really do you any good?" he asks, amid the garden's fountains and

varied flora. "What my contributions do is show that this actually does help your quality of life."

While topophilia is a common and widespread phenomenon, theories about it have sparked intense scientific debate. In the

1970s, biologist Edward O. Wilson stirred up controversy by arguing that an affection for certain landscapes is part of mankind's genetic makeup.

"Wilson talks about the human species emerging from the plains of Africa ... and that becoming human in such an environment has a long-lasting influence on the kinds of things

we like and the kinds of things we're afraid of," Ogunseitan said.

"For example, a fear of snakes is not really taught. Certain animals provoke a response in most

people, not because they've experienced it before, but because in this collective history of human evolution, there's some experience that's shared."

Or, an affinity for certain landscapes: "The love of open ranges might help us because we run and run from predators, and so we like to see from distances. Another example might be the love of hilltops, so we can see from distances."

Wilson's ideas were later countered by biologists who argued that the human mind is less subject to the rules of natural selection than other biological attributes, and that social conditioning plays a large role in shaping behavior and preferences.

For his part, Ogunseitan believes that an interplay of both nature and nurture determines people's preferences.

"I'm more likely to believe — and this is philosophy, there have not been actual tests — that the environment, the culture, the nurturing and the access to

money are playing on top of evolutionary history. There is a template, and there is a selection," he said.

"It's a wide-open field for further investigation."

Ogunseitan's own research isn't likely to stir debate within his field, but it may encounter detractors among architects and designers. One can imagine them balking at the idea of creating a park or a public memorial with a scientific, by-the-numbers approach.

"There will be architects who think this is putting architecture back a thousand years," he admits.

Over the years, Ogunseitan has read a lot about how architects work, and he believes his research results will help rather than hinder their creative process.

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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Horowitz visit promotes free speech

Tonight, David Horowitz will be speaking to students. He was prominent in the American New Left movement but today holds staunchly right-wing views.

He is currently a writer for the conservative magazine NewsMax.

While many people oppose Horowitz's viewpoints, his presence is nonetheless important. While many of the speakers who have come to the University recently have

GET INVOLVED

See David Horowitz speak tonight. He will be speaking at 7:30 p.m. in 101 Olscamp Hall. Horowitz's visit is being sponsored by the College Republicans.

been more liberal, the College Republicans are presenting a conservative voice, and what's more, a well-known one.

Despite objections to Horowitz and his ideologies, the BG News feels it to be important to hear this man speak.

Noam Chomsky once of a pro-Nazi professor, "I don't support the things he says, but I support his right to say them."

It is with this attitude that we encourage students to attend Horowitz's lecture.

If you agree with his opinions, go to the presentation to applaud him and be entertained. If you

disagree with his opinions, go to the presentation to publicly defend your own stance and be entertained.

Those who disagree with him will accomplish nothing by simply not going. The best way to defend your ideas and opinions is to go to this speech and make them heard.

For those who agree with Horowitz's opinions, it is a fantastic opportunity to meet an idol or role model.

The ultimate goal of having a speaker like David Horowitz at the University is to promote free speech — the right to enjoy a speaker and the right to make your own voice heard.

College is a vast marketplace of ideas, and tonight's presentation is an opportunity for students, staff and community members alike to contribute.

It is our right and it is a privilege unheard of in many places.

It seems to be a rare opportunity on a college campus to hear renowned conservatives speak. Horowitz, like many speakers to come to BGSU before him (liberal and conservatives alike), has the capacity to stir up discussion and dialogue.

Applaud him. Cheer for him. Publicly challenge his ideas.

Make yourself heard. You hurt only yourself by sitting idly by in silence.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students taking a stand against Horowitz

I am very concerned about the future and academic freedom. It has come to my attention that David Horowitz and his organization "Students for Academic Freedom" are

coming to campus tonight.

He has started a campaign to get a Student Bill of Rights passed in Ohio titled Senate Bill 24. This bill will greatly suppress academic freedom and limit the freedom of speech here on campus by defining what topics are appropriate for faculty members to discuss.

I feel it is important for students to stand up for their rights and there is an opportunity to do

so. Tonight there will be a gathering in the free speech area at 6:30 p.m. to resist Horowitz and then at 9 p.m.

Pandora's Box will host a panel discussion "Who's Afraid of Academic Freedom?" in Olscamp Hall room 111.

Do your part, speak up!

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Pharmacists under obligations

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While having sex with her husband, the condom broke, so a married mother of four in Wisconsin went to her local Walgreens to obtain the morning-after pill.

Her pharmacist refused to fill her prescription, and, according to the American Pharmacists Association, was well within his or her rights to do so.

A recent movement within the pharmaceutical profession has made it harder for women to have prescriptions filled for birth control and the morning-after pill. This movement, spearheaded by the 1,600-member Pharmacists for Life International, claims that these medical professionals don't have to dispense medications that conflict with their religious or moral values.

But where do we draw the line between people protecting their individual rights and failing to

do their jobs?

The pharmacist who refused the Wisconsin woman asserted his or her beliefs, effectively trumping the patient's decision not to have a fifth child, and, hypocritically, breaking the Hippocratic oath to first do no harm. Neither birth control nor emergency contraception kill — they prevent implantation, so that the life is never begun. In refusing to fill prescriptions that doctors have written, pharmacists are going against the most basic tenet of their trade.

While patients don't get to diagnose their own problems, under U.S. law, they do get to determine the number of children they want to have, be that four or none.

More than that, if having a child would be harmful to a patient — for health or economic reasons — pharmacists who refuse to fill these prescriptions are actively hurting their patients.

Moreover, who are pharmacists to judge their patients' reasons for choosing not to have children?

Part of doing any job in the health profession is dealing with

people who make choices that the professional may not like. While doctors may not want their patients to smoke, they cannot physically deny them cigarettes, just as drugstore clerks can't refuse to sell them.

But the analogy stops there — these pharmacists aren't just refusing patients; they're not doing their jobs.

As professionals, they have a responsibility to be the link between patients and doctors.

Breaking that link counts as failure, and the ones who refuse women treatment that their doctors prescribe should be fired.

Currently, many employers trying to balance pharmacists' wishes with patients' needs are introducing "conscience clauses" that would allow pharmacists to refuse patients their prescriptions, so long as they could refer them to another pharmacist or pharmacy that will fill the prescription.

While that solution might look good on paper, it is not so good in practice.

In short, pharmacists should do their jobs or find new ones. Sometimes, it really is that simple.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What would you do if you were president of the University for a day?



AMANDA ROWLAND
FRESHMAN,
INTERIOR DESIGN

"Cancel classes and have a campus picnic."



HANNAH GEYER
FRESHMAN,
WOMEN'S STUDIES

"Reinstate the Victim's Advocate."



KATIE ORAHOD
FRESHMAN, INTEGRATED
LANGUAGE ARTS

"Cancel classes and declare it Student Day."



TYLER HAWES
FRESHMAN, MARKETING

"Get rid of the meal plan and make everything Flexfunds."

Consider investing in social security

Here's what I found out last week: Social security will go belly-up one year earlier than expected.

Yeah, I know. Most of you don't care. Me neither. I can't even tell you how the powers that be came to this conclusion. I stopped reading after the headline.

Terrible, I know. I've been trying really hard to develop some kind of interest in this issue. I can't. Maybe it was my bad experience with a mock investment game in high school. Maybe it's because when I look at a stock market ticker, I see upcoming class deadlines. My only recent experience with investing is watching "Mad Money" with Jim Cramer on CNBC. I can't help it. That guy is so bloody entertaining.

This is not good for President Bush and his plan of mixing Social Security with personal investment. I'm a reasonably intelligent (maybe) young man, but I'm an apathetic novice when it comes to

investing. I don't know, and I don't care. What's even worse for the president is that the majority of Americans feel the same way. Only a select few will benefit from his plan.

Then again, if I don't care, why am I writing this column? Well, it all starts with a conference I attended. I spent a lot of time and effort to craft the paper I was presenting. Parties, sleep, and food became like a yacht: a luxury.

Once I got to this conference, I had some free time. After going through the complimentary newspaper at my hotel, I did something I rarely do. I read the financial section. In a hectic life like mine, where I also perform miracles so as to have leisure time, the financial markets are more mysterious than a Buddhist koan ("If the stock market crashed, and nobody was on the floor, would it make a sound?").

Polls and studies indicate that I'm not alone. A USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll claims that little more than a quarter of American investors pay close attention to their investments. A Hewitt Associates study concluded that there is a prevalent "non-saving mentality" amongst American workers. We just don't care about our finances as much as we do about, say, Terri Schiavo.

I know, bringing up the Schiavo case seems shameless. But before the latest round of legal battles, the media was desperately trying to get people



J. MICHAEL
BESTUL

...from the pit
of insanity

to care about the Social Security issue. Hell, they even tried to bring attention to it by conducting polls and making our apathy the issue.

But when I turned on the cable TV in my hotel, what was the only news story I could find? Terri Schiavo. About the only news network that didn't blather about the case 24/7 was CNBC. By default, once I got my daily Schiavo intake, it meant that CNBC became my news channel of choice. Which is how I started watching "Mad Money."

I marveled at the insane energy this man puts into providing investor advice. I also realized the (very) limited knowledge and skills I possessed in this field. Gee, if President Bush's reform goes through, I'd want someone like Cramer to help me figure out what the hell to do.

Somewhere a light bulb went off. Most Americans don't care much about investing. Most Americans don't know enough to invest. Most Americans would have to devote some serious time towards study to change this. Few Americans feel they'd have such time.

What happens, then, if our government suddenly gives us our retirement money and says "invest"? Either we'll take time away from our work or leisure, or we'll hire someone like Jim Cramer. I don't know about you, but I don't have the time or patience for the former.

In this scenario, who benefits from the president's Social Security plan, then? I'd argue that the real beneficiaries are investment firms. Whether or not Bush's plan actually solves the problem, I have no idea. But if we're all suddenly expected to invest, you can bet that TD Waterhouse won't only have Sam Waterston hawking their services. They'll be able to afford the entire cast of "Law & Order."

Perhaps the president's plan will work, but he needs to take his country's demeanor into account. Unfortunately, Democrats are too busy disagreeing with the president to come up with their own ideas. Is there anyone who has another idea? Anyone?

Maybe I'll call into Jim Cramer's show. He'll know.

Send comments to J. Michael
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THIS WEEK'S
BAD JOKE:

Q: Why is Bowling Green's weather nice all of a sudden?

A: Because you stopped touching yourself at night.

Tired of bad jokes? Then e-mail a good one to msusma@bgnet.bgsu.edu and it might be used in next week's Not News.

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Career choices are vast, 'stable'

Are you stuck in a dead-end job? Are you getting the sneaking suspicion that your major is going to lead you into a fascinating career as a gas station attendant?

Like you, I found myself living a lie. I was going to college and achieving much in my field of study, and my future was looking bright. I even rose to the position of opinion editor due to my willingness to dress really slutty for the editors at the BG News.

But I didn't feel content with my lot. I longed to do something greater with my life, like be a groupie for an '80s hair band.

I am fully qualified to give career advice, as I am well-



CHELSEA SNYDER
(Not A Real)
Career Consultant

experienced in all fields of labor, mainly due to the fact that I've been working non-stop since the age of 12 and moved from job to job because I had a slight problem with authority. And people who worked beneath me. And customers. And strangers passing by my place of employment.

Leave your shaky future in my capable hands as we take a look at realistic job options for Generation Y.

• **Fireman.** For those of you who are looking for more adventure, excitement and third degree burns, being a fireman might be the right choice for you. Granted, you have to climb ladders, but you get a really cool uniform and can shoot the fire hose through windows.

I was really thinking about leaving college to go battle evil fires in the heart of Bowling Green, but I wrinkle easy and couldn't make the cut.

Pros: Saying you're a fireman is a great pickup line; free axe; you get to go down the pole.

Cons: Fire burns you; chaffing from sliding down the pole.

• **Humor columnist.** In these

dark times of economic hardships, you sometimes have to do things what would normally go against your set of morals and personal pride.

When your grandmother needs her medicine, it's more important to get a paycheck any way you can rather than worry about what people are going to think about you. Sure, being a humor columnist may not be the most noble way to make money, but it beats being a stockbroker or working at the Renaissance festival.

Since the dark secret was out that I was one of these loathed creatures, my family stopped inviting me to Thanksgiving dinner, my credit rating plummeted and my library card was cut into pieces in front of my face. I just keep telling myself I'm only going to stay with this gig until something better comes along.

Pros: Hate mail.

Cons: Dealing with stupid people; people calling you at home and threatening you and your loved ones; forced to be funny even if you are a manic-depressive and your hamster hates you.

• **Horse.** When I was three years old, my mother asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I said I wanted to be a horse, but she just laughed at me and said, "Don't be silly dear."

After she told my father what

I said, he took it a little more seriously than her and had a talk with me. I was ordered to give up these foolish dreams of becoming a horse, for he wanted me to be a famous and renowned doctor who would find a cure for menopause.

I told him I would, but in my tiny heart I kept the hope alive that I would someday be a horse and run away from this terrible place.

Well, I'm proud to say that I have fulfilled this burning desire and I do work part time as a horse, unless there is bad weather or it's hay fever season.

Pros: Romping in grassy meadows; hay; trampling small animals or children.

Cons: Stupid people sitting on your back; horseshoes; horny farmers; the glue factory.

Okay, maybe you should just stay in school and not listen to me. For somebody that has been fired as much as I have, I might not be such a good source of career advice.

There is nothing wrong with taking your time to find out what you really want to do, nor is there with borrowing money from your parents or sleeping on their couch until you are 40.

Chelsea is a first grader in a college sophomore's body. But if you e-mail her (chelsls@bgnet.bgsu.edu) she won't give you her job.

This Week in TEXAS

Candles are recalled because of flame risk

A Texas candle company is recalling 727,000 of its candles because a gel used in them can catch fire and create dangerously high flames.

The product from Nature's Finest Candles works — it just works too well. At least they don't have the same problem as their competitor, Nature's Wettest Candles.

Two men steal brick house, sell it for drugs

In Lindale, Texas, two men took apart a house — brick by brick and in plain sight of everyone. Little did the passersby know the house did not belong to the two men, but rather a real estate company.

Then the men allegedly sold the materials for cash and methamphetamine.

The Big Bad Wolf could not be reached for comment.

Stories from "This Week in Texas" were reported by the AP and rewritten by us.

Internet war of words bring out best in nerds

Upon hearing about a "flame war" one may visualize two groups of people battling with all sorts of neat fiery weapons: fire-tipped arrows, sulphurous rain and kittens drenched in lighter fluid.

Alas, incendiary ammo has nothing to do with a flame war. It's just two losers arguing over the Internet about something stupid. (Although if I crushed your hopes of cats on fire, I can still make that happen.)

It takes a certain caliber of person to spend time arguing with people on message boards and in chat rooms, and that caliber requires hours and hours of free time before Cartoon Network's Adult Swim comes on television.

People can flame about any topic. Let's examine how these virtual duels might look.

About rap music:

HeyYa19: "outkast rulz, he is freal and duznt sell out like yo boy 50 cent."

FreeStylin50: "WHATEV LAMER, FITTY COULD KICK YO BOY'S AZZ NE DAY OF WEEK!!!!"

About Dungeons & Dragons dice:

HalfElf27: "20 sided dice r AWESUM!!!!"

BillyGreyHawk: "WTF???? Every1 knos 10 sided r much better cuz you can roll them twice and get a percent lol."

But after all the typos and lame acronyms, these Internet opinion gurus are hiding from the excruciating fact that they won't be getting laid any time soon.

Of course, not all flammers resort to messy spelling and excessive punctuation errors that



MATT SUSSMAN
Puddle of Suss

would make your English 112 teacher cry in shame. But they all have one unifying theme: arguments never change the other's opinion, never stay on topic and typically wind up discussing the pros and cons of the other guy's momma.

Therefore, HalfElf27 is most likely to respond to BillyGreyHawk's percentage comment with "yeah well there is 100 percent chance your mom is great in bed."

But there is one clear difference between this flame war and mainstream cyber-tiffs. Judging from HalfElf27's screen name (besides knowing he is not a purebred elf and therefore fails to bake delicious cookies like his Keebler brethren) he frequents a more nerd-friendly setting: IRC.

This chat application — which stands for either Internet Relay Chat or Idiots Ruining Civilization — acts as a geek sanctuary. The more technical tantrums occur here, as opposed to traditional message boards that stick to today's gripping issues like "American Idol" and '80s hair bands.

But IRC flame wars are more fun to watch, for if a non-nerd were to watch 20 minutes of IRC's scrolling text, he would be more lost than a freshman in Eppler. Then he would say "uh..." for 20 more minutes and later his head would explode like a feline doused with gasoline.

After all, the average person little to no knowledge about the card game "Magic: the Gathering," and 99.8 percent of discussion on IRC deals with this game — the other 0.2 percent involves the remark "brb, I just heard someone's head explode!"

You're saying, "But Matt, people don't actually argue over Magic cards." Sadly, it's true — although it opens the potential for talk of sweet fire-shooting weaponry. Better still, preliminary data suggests there is an outside chance they will mention usage of these weapons on kittens.

Indeed, today's flame wars are useless and generate enough hot air to power every talk radio station in America. But flaming could bring peace on Earth.

Suppose the United States and North Korea settled their differences through heated Internet exchanges. It's a natural fit, considering both countries often act like 25-year-old virgins.

EmperorKim57: "usa u r all jerks we have da bomb and well kick all ur a\$\$!!"

DonnieRumz4: "omg nkorea u are all a bunch of lamerz. but ur mom is da bomb ... in bed roflmao."

EmperorKim57: "shut up, U SUCK and so does fitty cent!!"

Although the very idea of Kim Jong Il and Donald Rumsfeld arguing about rap music is strange enough, at least they would never argue over "Magic: the Gathering."

They both like the same cards. Your mother can e-mail Matt at msusma@bgnet.bgsu.edu, lol!

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STATE

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Soldiers find favorites upon return

By James Hannah
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After 13 months of heat, sand and danger in Iraq, Army Sgt. Melanie Barnhart had one thing she wanted to do first when she came home to Ohio.

Sitting at a table at Buffalo Wild Wings with her husband and 9-year-old daughter, Barnhart took her time eating barbecue hot wings she had craved for more than a year.

Soldiers head straight for their favorite things on their first day back after dreaming of the comforts of home in Iraq when they tire of cramped quarters, outdoor bathrooms and cafeteria-style food.

Barnhart, 33, only ordered

the kids meal — four wings and some smiley-face French fries — because her appetite had shrunk from eating less of the repetitive meat loaf, chicken and pork meals served in the mess hall.

"I savored them," she said of the wings.

Barnhart, of Troy in southwest Ohio, was among a large wave of soldiers returning since February as part of the regular troop rotation. There were about 143,500 U.S. soldiers in Iraq on March 1, down from 159,000 a month earlier.

After hugging their loved ones, soldiers arriving home want to go to restaurants for burgers dripping with cheese or grill steaks at home. They go

shopping for jeans and T-shirts. They take walks in the park, savoring the greens of grass, trees and shrubs that contrast with the neutrals of the desert.

"I went to Target. I wanted to walk around a department store and just see stuff," said Army Pfc. Charlie Maib of Wichita, Kan. "It's about normalcy — just the feeling that I want to be normal now."

Maib, 29, picked up a pair of Levi's jeans and a gray cotton T-shirt. He bought Grand Turismo 4, a \$50 race-car video game.

"It was a weird feeling getting back," Maib said. "It was a numb, surrealistic feeling. It's like you traveled through time."

Army Pfc. Tanya Juarez of Emerald Isle, N.C., had trouble

adjusting to the interstate traffic and its 65-mile-an-hour speed when she went out for a cheeseburger her first day back. In Iraq, she had gotten used to slow-moving vehicles and light traffic.

"I was a little paranoid of the cars around me," she said.

For Army Maj. Tim Schroeder of Harker Heights, Texas, coming home meant a reunion with his wife's homemade barbecue sauce, a melange of ketchup, molasses, mustard, liquid smoke and various spices.

The 34-year-old Schroeder smothered rib-eye steaks with the sauce and threw them on the grill. His wife, Erica, presented him with a bottle of Chimay, a dark Belgian beer

Schroeder loved.

"I was able to enjoy that for the first time in a year," he said.

Much of Wade Yuellig's first day back was spent playing with his 7-month-old daughter. Yuellig, 29, of Cincinnati, had been home briefly when Eva was born in July, but he had to return to Iraq and hadn't seen his first child since.

Yuellig fixed coffee and read the newspaper while Eva sat next to him in her high chair, soaking up his daughter's facial expressions and the tangle of toys and baby bottles scattered around the house.

"I was pretty much like a kid at Christmas," he said.

In Iraq, Barnhart had to shower in stalls with drains that

backed up covering her feet and shower shoes with nasty water. Her first shower at home was a barefoot one.

"That was the greatest thing," she said.

Barnhart, who wore tan cammies her entire time in Iraq, grabbed her 9-year-old daughter and headed for Kohl's department store. She didn't look at the price tags, picking out a pair of tight black cotton pants and a light blue sweater.

"I wanted them and I bought them," she said. "I wanted to be a girl again. I wanted something girly."

She outfitted her daughter Ariana, 9, with a skirt, tank top and jacket — all pink.

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Man charged with murder

A Clinton County man is accused of murdering his wife.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILMINGTON, Ohio — A man charged with the slayings of two women in neighboring counties is to be arraigned in Clinton County on a charge of murder in the more recently discovered killing.

Michael Fogt, 40, of Hillsboro, is to be arraigned later this week in Clinton County Municipal Court on a murder charge in the 1998 death of his wife Martha Fogt, previously identified as Martha Behymer, sheriff's Col. Brian Prickett said yesterday. The murder charge was filed Friday,

Prickett said.

Investigators concluded that the victim was suffocated at the house where she lived with Michael Fogt near the village of Blanchester in 1998, Prickett said. Martha Fogt's body was found on March 17 in a 55-gallon drum buried beneath a concrete slab in neighboring Highland County. She was the mother of Michael Fogt's daughter, now 14, authorities said.

Michael Fogt led authorities to the body of his wife. Prickett declined to discuss a motive for the slaying.

Fogt remains in the Highland County jail in Hillsboro, about 50 miles east of Cincinnati, under a \$500,000 bond.

Fogt is charged in Highland County with murder, tampering

with evidence and gross abuse of a corpse in the November 2003 slaying of his girlfriend, Cynthia Pickens, 39, of Hillsboro. Highland County authorities said Pickens had been buried in a 2-foot-deep pit covered with gravel at an auto-body shop near Hillsboro where Fogt once worked. Investigators have declined to reveal details about the death of Pickens, whose body was found on March 15.

Kimberly McGuire-Haines, a court-appointed lawyer from Hillsboro representing Fogt in the Pickens case, said she is awaiting a Highland County grand jury's review of evidence in that case.

"He's innocent — as everybody is — until proven guilty in a court of law," McGuire-Haines said yesterday.

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FAMOUS LAWYER DIES IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Johnnie L. Cochran Jr., who became a legal superstar after helping clear O.J. Simpson during a sensational murder trial in which he uttered the famous quote "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit," died yesterday. He was 67. Cochran died of a brain disorder in Los Angeles.

NATION

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Rev. Jackson provides support, faith

By Mike Schneider
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — As Terri Schiavo entered her 12th full day without food or water, the Rev. Jesse Jackson prayed with her parents yesterday and joined conservatives in calling for state lawmakers to order her feeding tube reinserted.

The former Democratic presidential candidate was invited by Schiavo's parents to meet with activists outside Schiavo's hospice. His arrival was greeted by some applause and cries of "This is about civil rights!"

"I feel so passionate about this injustice being done, how unnecessary it is to deny her a feeding tube, water, not even ice to be used for her parched lips," he said. "This is a moral issue

and it transcends politics and family disputes."

Jackson's visit provided an emotional boost to Schiavo's parents and siblings, who have maintained that Schiavo would want to be kept alive. Her husband, Michael Schiavo, insists he is carrying out her wishes by having the feeding tube pulled.

"I wanted the Reverend Jackson here for moral support," said Mary Schindler, Terri Schiavo's mother. "I feel good with him here. Very strong. He gives me strength."

Jackson said he asked Michael Schiavo for permission to see the brain-damaged woman but was denied. George Felos, Michael Schiavo's attorney, declined comment.

Jackson also telephoned

black legislators in a last-ditch effort to bring back a bill that would prohibit severely brain-damaged patients from being denied food and water if they didn't express their wishes in writing. Lawmakers rejected the legislation earlier this month and appeared unlikely to reconsider it.

One of those contacted by Jackson, Democratic state Sen. Gary Siplin, said he told Jackson the issue had been "thoroughly discussed." Senate Democratic leader Les Miller added, "I have voted. It's time to move on."

Bob Schindler described his daughter as "failing" following his visit yesterday.

"She still looks pretty darn good under the circumstances," Schindler said. "You can see the

impact of no food and water for 12 days. Her bodily functions are still working. We still have her."

During Jackson's visit, a man was tackled to the ground by officers when he tried to storm into the hospice, police said. He became the 47th protester arrested since the feeding tube was removed March 18. The man had two bottles of water with him but did not reach the hospice door, police said.

Doctors have said Terri Schiavo, 41, would probably die within a week or two of the tube being removed. She suffered catastrophic brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped for several minutes because of a chemical imbalance apparently brought on by an eating disorder.



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WAITING PATIENTLY: Protestors pray for Terri Schiavo outside the Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., where she resides.

Secretary-General will not resign after untrue allegations

By Edith M. Lederer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Investigators probing the U.N. oil-for-food program said yesterday that Secretary-General Kofi Annan didn't interfere in the awarding of a contract to a company that employed his son but criticized the U.N. chief for not properly investigating possible conflicts of interest.

A defiant Annan said "Hell no" when asked at a news conference if he would resign, noting the report's findings that he committed no wrongdoing.

"After so many distressing and untrue allegations have been made against me, this exoneration by the independent inquiry obviously comes as a great relief," he said.

Although the report did not completely vindicate the secretary-general, the investigation led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker said there was insufficient evidence to show that he was aware of the bid.

Still, the report raised questions

about when the secretary-general learned about the December 1998 contract to the Swiss firm, Cotecna Inspection S.A., and strongly criticized the destruction of documents by his former chief of staff that could have shed light on the oil-for-food scandal in Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

The independent inquiry, released yesterday, faulted Annan for conducting a one-day investigation into the matter, saying it should have been a more rigorous, independent probe. It also accused the company, Cotecna Inspection S.A., and Annan's son, Kojo, of trying to conceal their relationship after the firm was awarded the contract.

At a separate news conference after the report was released,

Volcker said the investigation found no evidence that Kofi Annan improperly influenced the process by which Cotecna was selected for an inspection contract under the oil-for-food program, or that he tried to influence it.

"Our investigation has disclosed several instances in which he might, or could have become aware, of Cotecna's participation in the bidding process," Volcker said. "However, there is neither convincing testimony to that effect nor any documentary evidence."

"Taking all of this into account, the committee has not found the evidence is reasonably sufficient to show that the secretary-general knew that Cotecna had

participated in the bidding process in 1998," Volcker said.

Kojo Annan worked for Cotecna in West Africa from 1995 to December 1997, and then was a consultant for the firm until the end of 1998 — when it won the oil-for-food contract. He remained on the Cotecna payroll until 2004 on a contract to prevent him from working for a competitor in West Africa.

Although yesterday's report found no wrongdoing by Kofi Annan, it clearly faulted the secretary-general's management of the world body and his oversight of the oil-for-food program.

The \$64 billion oil-for-food program was the largest U.N. humanitarian aid operation, running in 1996-2003. Saddam's

government was allowed to sell oil in exchange for humanitarian goods as an exemption from U.N. sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

In a bid to curry favor and end sanctions, Saddam allegedly gave former government officials, activists, journalists and U.N. officials vouchers for Iraqi oil that could then be resold at a profit. U.S. congressional investigators say Saddam's regime may have illegally made more than \$21 billion by cheating the program and other sanctions-busting schemes.

The report is the second issued

by Volcker's team. It coincides with allegations of sex abuse by U.N. peacekeepers and of sexual harassment and mismanagement by senior U.N. staff, and comes a week after Annan called for the biggest overhaul of the United Nations in its 60-year history.

"I think we all share the hope and confidence that the results of our investigation ... may contribute to the larger objective of a reformed U.N., a U.N. capable of commanding and maintaining the support of its member states and the public at large," Volcker said.

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POPE MAY BE RETURNING TO HOSPITAL

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II may have to return to the hospital to have a feeding tube inserted because he is having difficulty swallowing, an Italian news agency reported yesterday. The APcom news agency said no action has been taken and the feeding tube was one option being considered.

Iraqi talks postponed

Iraq's parliament adjourns until meeting this weekend.

By Mariam Fam
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's fledgling parliament failed yesterday to agree on who would be its speaker, with the interim prime minister and president storming out of the chaotic session that exposed deep divides among the National Assembly's Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish members.

The short session adjourned until this weekend.

Hussein al-Sadr, a Shiite cleric and member of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's coalition, said the parliament speaker likely would be chosen Sunday, giving Sunni Arab lawmakers time to come up with a candidate.

"We saw that things were confused today, so we gave them a last chance," al-Sadr said. "We expect the Sunni Arab brothers to nominate their candidate. Otherwise, we will vote on a candidate on Sunday."

Nearly two months after Iraq's historic Jan. 30 elections, negotiations to form a new government have stalled over Cabinet posts and how to include the fragile nation's Sunni minority.

In Washington, President Bush acknowledged that Iraqis are divided over the future of their country but said the differences "will be resolved through debate and persuasion instead of force

and intimidation."

"The free people of Iraq are now doing what Saddam Hussein never could: making Iraq a positive example for the entire Middle East," Bush said yesterday, speaking to an audience of Iraqi law students, members of the religious community and others.

The bickering yesterday exposed tensions in the newly formed parliament, with Allawi storming out of the session, followed by interim President Ghazi al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab who turned down the speaker's job.

Shiite, Kurdish and Sunni representatives were trying to come up with a Sunni Arab candidate that legislators promised would be announced during yesterday's session.

Once it began after a three-hour delay, however, lawmakers immediately began arguing over whether to delay their decision, and the leader of the session decided to kick reporters and cameras out and close the meeting to the public.

"We demand to know the details of what's happening behind the scenes!" one woman shouted before the live television feed of the gathering went blank.

Sunni Arab lawmaker Meshaan al-Jubouri called for a decision, saying: "There are voices calling

for electing the speaker today. This cannot be."

"This is ridiculous," he said as he left the meeting hall.

Negotiators were lobbying al-Yawer to take the speaker's job.

"We have apologized for practical reasons," said al-Yawer, who is seeking one of the country's two vice presidential spots. "With the small number of Sunni Arabs in the assembly, this post won't put us in a position to strike a balance."

Critics of the process say the Sunni Arab candidates being discussed for government posts have no influence on the insurgency, and their participation is unlikely to affect it.

Some explosions were heard in Baghdad on yesterday, where officials had warned residents to prepare for stepped up insurgent attacks. It was unclear if they caused any damage. During the first National Assembly meeting, on March 16, militants lobbed

mortar rounds at the heavily fortified Green Zone in the city's center, where lawmakers held their meeting.

Violence also continued in the rest of the country, with a car bombing in the northern city of Kirkuk that killed one person and injured more than a dozen others,

police said.

Three Romanian journalists were kidnapped Monday near their hotel, their employers said. They were identified as reporter Marie Jeanne Ion, 32, and cameraman Sorin Dumitru Miscoci 30, of Bucharest-based television station Prima TV, and Romania Libera newspaper reporter Ovidiu Ohanesian, 37.

The three disappeared shortly after an interview with Allawi, said Petre Mihai Bacanu, managing editor of Romania Libera.

Romanian President Traian Basescu made a surprise visit Sunday to Iraq, where the country has 800 troops.

French authorities, meanwhile have received "reassuring information" about a French journalist and her guide who are being held hostage, Prime Minister Jean Pierre Raffarin told lawmakers in Paris.

"We now have contacts that appear to have stabilized, which allows us to have some hope," Raffarin said.

Florence Aubenat, of the daily newspaper Liberation, and her Iraqi guide, Hussein Hanoun, were kidnapped Jan. 5. The first public sign of life came March 1 with the release of a video showing a pale Aubenat pleading for help.

The Shiite-led United Iraqi Alliance and the Kurdish coalition, which finished first and second in the landmark elections have reached out to the Sunnis and to members of Allawi's coalition, hoping to form an inclusive national unity government.

Earthquake victims to be buried tomorrow

By Chris Brummitt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia — His brown eyes puffy and blood-shot, Datot Mendra prepares to spend the night lying next to his wife.

Tomorrow he will bury her — and his sister and two other relatives.

"What will I tell my children?" the 55-year-old restaurant owner says. "I can't face it. My faith in Jesus is helping me through this."

Mendra's wife was among some 20 bodies wrapped in white sheets, candles flickering at their heads, laid out on the street outside the Santa Maria church in this town on Indonesia's predominantly Roman Catholic Nias Island.

More were arriving. Groups of four men approached, each holding the corner of a sheet with another body.

Most of the deaths from Monday night's 8.7-magnitude earthquake in the Indian Ocean were on Nias, 75 miles south of the epicenter. By the end of Tuesday, the island's death toll stood at about 330, but government officials said it could climb as high as 2,000.

An unidentified official from nearby Aceh province told Indonesia's Metro TV that about 100 people also died on neighboring Simeulue island. Both islands are just west of Indonesia's much larger Sumatra island.

Dave Jenkins, a New Zealand physician who runs the relief agency SurfAid International in western Sumatra, said he feared for about 10,000 people living on the tiny Banyak Islands, close to the quake's epicenter. By late yesterday, contact had not been made with the islands.

While the scene outside the church was almost serene, elsewhere on this island of 600,000 people the atmosphere was anything but. Rescue workers working by candles and flashlight hunted through smoldering rubble for survivors in flattened buildings. Power was out, and electric cables lay tangled in the street.

Little heavy machinery was available, so families frantically searching for loved ones used crow bars and their bare hands to lift heavy chunks of concrete.

Smoke drifted out of piles of rubble and concrete homes where walls had folded in on themselves, almost certainly crushing to death anybody caught inside. A steeple had fallen from a church.

Although most of Indonesia is Muslim, Christianity persists in some areas — a vestige of Dutch colonization. The Nias islanders, particularly the well-organized

southern villages, initially put up strong resistance when the Dutch tried to take control. But the Dutch finally conquered the island in 1909, and then Nias slowly started to convert to Christianity.

Monday's quake, which stuck an hour before midnight, toppled every building in the main street of Gunung Sitoli, a church-studded seaside town that is the island's largest.

A soccer field in the center of town and close to the palm-fringed Indian Ocean beach was transformed into a triage center where a dozen seriously injured islanders, some of them unconscious, were lying on doors salvaged from wrecked homes. They waited, hoping that a relief agency helicopter would be able to airlift them to a hospital on Sumatra.

"Four people here might not make it through the night!" yelled one of the few Western aid workers to arrive in the town yesterday. "Do you have space on a chopper?"

Elsewhere, two boys sat next to their wounded mother, and a man stood next to his wife, holding the bag for her intravenous drip.

People swarmed around U.N. helicopters as they landed to deliver relief supplies, but food and water were in short supply.

Only about 17 were taken off the island through yesterday, officials said.

The Dec. 26 Indian Ocean epic earthquake and tsunami, which killed more than 126,000 in Indonesia's Aceh province on Sumatra and thousands more throughout the region, left 340 dead and 10,000 homeless on Nias.

But Monday's quake appeared to give this island its almost undivided attention.

"It was stronger than the Dec. 26 quake," a survivor who identified himself as Ebenezer said yesterday. "In one minute, everything was destroyed. No one had a chance to run."

From the air, it appeared that about 30 percent of the buildings in Gunung Sitoli were destroyed, and there was significant damage in the island's second biggest town, Teluk Dalam. Inland areas appeared to be largely unaffected.

The temblor destroyed thousands of houses, shops and government buildings and sent thousands of residents fleeing to the hills in fear of killer waves. That fear of a second devastating tsunami extended to other countries around the Indian Ocean region; warnings were issued and sirens were sounded but authorities later withdrew the alerts.

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BRIEFING

Baseball busts out whooping sticks

The Bowling Green baseball team got hits from nine different players and sophomore Adam Gumpf allowed just one hit in six innings of shutout ball as the Falcons rolled past Defiance yesterday at Warren Steller Field.

Gumpf gave up a single to Matt Tycast in the second inning that would be the only blemish on his outing for the day.

Offensively, the Falcons were led by four players that had multiple runs batted in on the day. Josh Dietz, Jimmy Lipari and Kurt Wells each drove in two runs apiece while Bobby Major knocked in three for a BG offense that banged out 13 hits on the day.

One of those hits came from Nolan Reimold, who hit his tenth home run of the season.

The Falcons will be back in action this afternoon when they head to Cleveland to take on Cleveland State.

NCAA makes decision on Smith

Ohio State junior must pay restitution and will miss opener.

By Rusty Miller

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NCAA told Ohio State on Monday that starting quarterback Troy Smith can return to the football team if he pays restitution and is held out of the Buckeyes' season opener.

Coach Jim Tressel confirmed yesterday that the NCAA had called the university and that the "issue was solidified" by the NCAA.

Smith was suspended from the team for its game against Oklahoma State in December's Alamo Bowl because he took money from a team booster. Athletic director Andy Geiger said at the time of the suspension that NCAA precedents pointed to a two-game suspension, meaning that the junior would also be held out of the game Sept. 3 against Miami (Ohio). Monday's call confirmed Geiger's opinion.

Geiger said that Smith would be required to pay "around \$500" — the amount of money Smith accepted from the booster — to a charity as restitution.

The investigation into Smith's acceptance of the money from the booster was only one aspect of an NCAA probe into allegations of academic fraud, payments to players and high-paying no-show summer jobs for student-athletes.

Tressel said he has not spoken to the NCAA since November and had no idea when the investigation would wrap up.

"Now, are they still asking questions? I would assume. Just like we're still asking questions," Tressel said.

He said he has met individually with players in hour-long sessions where he asked them, "How can we do a better job in handling the realities of negative outside influences and things that are out there?"

Smith will work out with the Buckeyes when they begin spring practices on Thursday. Justin Zwick, who started the first six games and the bowl game, is listed No. 1 on the depth chart.

After a February workout with his teammates, Smith said, he didn't know what the word "restitution" meant but Tressel said Smith would repay the money in order to meet the qualifications set on his return by the NCAA.

"Troy will take care of those things and will be ready to go after another game suspension," Tressel said.

Smith played sparingly the first five games of the 2004 season for Ohio State, then stepped in after Zwick and the Buckeyes lost their first three games in Big Ten play. Ohio State won three of its next four games before Smith became a star in the annual showdown with rival Michigan. He rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown and passed for 241 yards and two more scores in a 37-21 upset of the No. 7-ranked Wolverines.

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Former BG star shines bright for Supersonics

By Matt Hawkins
SPORTS REPORTER

It's been eight years since former Bowling Green men's basketball star Antonio Daniels was selected with the fourth pick in the NBA Draft, but now he is living up to his expectations.

Daniels found his niche this season with the Seattle Supersonics, who currently have the fourth best record in the NBA (48-21) and sit at the top of the Northwest Division standings. His role is to provide the spark off the bench for the Sonics and he has done just that.

He is averaging a career-high in both points (11.5 ppg) and rebounds (2.3 rpg) while dishing out 4.2 assists per game and is a strong candidate for the sixth man of the year award. It's the first time Daniels has posted a double-digit scoring average in his career.

"This has been the most comfortable I've felt," Daniels said. "I had some good stretches of games in San Antonio, but overall this has been my best year. I've been consistent on a nightly basis."

As a team, the Sonics have sent a shockwave throughout the NBA this season, surprising critics who picked them to finish towards the bottom of the Western Conference after they went 37-45 last year. Not many changes were made in the off-season, but Daniels said that players' roles are more defined this year, which has allowed the team to play more consistent.

"Last year we had a lot of different guards so the rotation wasn't set in stone," he said. "It was tough to get into that rhythm and get in that flow."

Playing with a greater comfort level, Daniels has taken his game to a higher level out on the court. While he is the backup to



HIGH FLYING: Seattle Supersonics' Antonio Daniels drives to the basket against the Los Angeles Lakers last week. The former Falcon is enjoying the best season of his NBA career.

second-year point guard Luke Ridnour, he enjoys his role coming off the bench.

"I know Luke's the starting point guard and I'm coming off

the bench to bring the (energy) to the game," Daniels said. "In knowing that it makes you a lot more comfortable to just go out and play."

Sonics head coach Nate McMillan said both Ridnour and Daniels work well together

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SOFTBALL

Softball takes pair from Detroit

By Elliott Schreiner
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bowling Green softball team walked away with a pair of wins yesterday, but it still wasn't what they were looking for.

The Falcons beat Detroit by scores of 4-3 and 6-3, but for a team that has beaten one ranked opponent earlier this season and hung with national powerhouse Arizona, struggling against Detroit leaves the team well short of the level they expect to play at.

"I've seen us play at that level when we played Arizona or beat Northwestern," BG head coach Leigh Ross-Shaw said. "That's what we've talked about this season, is playing at a consistent level."

The Falcons didn't take long getting into trouble in the opening game.

An uncharacteristic error started the game for BG and Detroit struck twice in the first inning, taking a 2-0 lead after one at bat.

It appeared as if Detroit was the team that was favored on the day, as they maintained that lead through the top of the fifth inning.

But the Falcons woke their bats up in the bottom half of the inning as Allison Vallas drove in a pair of runs to tie the score up.

"The bats started slowly," Ross-Shaw said. "It seemed like in our first game we weren't being aggressive on good pitches."

The two teams kept their gridlock at two until they both struck in the eighth inning.

It would take a run-scoring single from Jeanine Baca in the bottom of the ninth to

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Spartans in Final Four all over again

By Chuck Schoffner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Make some room, Michigan State men. You've got company.

Liz Shimek and the Michigan State women also are going to the Final Four — a first for the program.

Shimek made a series of huge plays down the stretch, Lindsay Bowen made her only basket of the game at a critical time and the top-seeded Spartans beat No. 2 seed Stanford 76-69 in the Kansas City Regional final last night.

Michigan State (32-3) had never even made it past the second round in five previous NCAA tournament appearances, but the Spartans looked completely comfortable when they donned their championship caps, delighting a small but vocal band of supporters that included Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her two teenage daughters.

"Well, I tell you, Michigan State is the best," coach Joanne P. McCallie said. "The people are amazing, the homegrown talent is very special. And we're so proud of our men's team — we're going too, baby! We're going too! I can't wait!"

The Spartans will play in the national semifinals in Indianapolis on Sunday night, meeting the winner of yesterday's late game between Tennessee and Rutgers. The men will play North Carolina in St. Louis on

Saturday.

Michigan State becomes the sixth school to send teams to both the men's and women's Final Four. Connecticut did it just last year and each team won the national title, the only time that has happened.

Now, Michigan State has a chance for the double. But booking that trip wasn't easy, even after the Spartans took a 13-point lead against the team that was ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press poll.

Stanford (32-3) came back to tie the score three times, but never got the lead and its 23-game winning streak ended, denying the Cardinal a seventh Final Four trip.

"You dream about this moment and you dream about going to the NCAA Final Four and it hurts so much and you're so close," said Candice Wiggins, Stanford's brilliant freshman. "It's really hard, especially when you have a team like this. This is a special team."

Shimek scored 17 of her 24 points in the second half and grabbed 10 rebounds. When the Spartans needed something at the end, she was there — and so was Bowen.

With the score tied at 61, Michigan State's Rene Haynes made four free throws and sank a 3-pointer to put the Spartans up 68-61, which proved to be just enough of a cushion.

Stanford drew to 70-69 on

Wiggins' three-point play with 43.6 seconds left. But Bowen, who had been 0-for-7, answered with her only basket of the game, a 15-footer with 27.1 seconds to go.

"As a shooter you have to stay with it," Bowen said. "I was looking for a shot all night long. I finally got it and I hit it."

When Stanford's Kelley Suminski missed a 3-point shot, Bowen was there for the rebound, producing a fast-break layup by Kelli Roehrig. And Bowen stole the ball at the end to make two final free throws.

"I wanted it," a tearful Suminski said of her shot from the top of the key. "I know I hadn't been shooting well the whole game and I thought that was my chance to redeem myself."

Haynie went 4-for-4 on 3-pointers and finished with 20 points, seven assists and seven rebounds. Haynes scored 14 and Roehrig had 10, plus six assists and eight rebounds.

Wiggins led Stanford with 19, Brooke Smith scored 16 and Suminski 11.

Haynie, who had a triple-double on Sunday night, was named the regional MVP. She finished the two games with 33 points, 17 rebounds and 17 assists.

"The leadership of Kristin was unbelievable," McCallie said. "I'm thrilled for her and the way she directed the team and just led, the courage in which she led. I sometimes questioned her



SHE'S TALL: Michigan State coach Joanne McCallie, center, is carried off the court by Liz Shimek, left, and Kelli Roehrig after defeating Stanford in the Kansas City Regional championship last night.

shot selection, but not for more than half a second."

The Final Four trip continues the Spartans' steady progress under McCallie, who arrived from Maine in 2000 with a goal of putting Michigan State on the

national map. In this breakout season, she certainly has succeeded.

"It is a great to show the whole country we are here to stay," Bowen said. "You don't count out Michigan State in any sport."

Cavaliers clip Clippers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James, playing on a sore left ankle, scored 22 points in leading the Cleveland Cavaliers past the Los Angeles Clippers 94-84 last night.

James shot just 7-for-20 from the field, but he hit two key 3-pointers down the stretch.

The Cavaliers, coming off a one-point overtime win Monday in New Orleans, won on consecutive nights for the first time since Nov. 26-27 and moved closer in the race for home-court advantage in the playoffs.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 19 points and 15 rebounds for Cleveland, which pulled within 1 1/2 games of Washington for fourth place overall in the Eastern Conference.

The top four teams get the home-court edge in the first round and Cleveland is 26-9 at Gund Arena.

Corey Maggette scored 26 points to lead Los Angeles, but the Clippers have lost four straight on the road, where they are 7-26 this season, with eight of their final 11 games away from home.

The Clippers were without starter Bobby Simmons for the first time all season. The forward, averaging 16.6 points a game, bruised his left leg Sunday against Minnesota.

James scored 44 points and played all 53 minutes Monday night in a 108-107 overtime victory. He missed nine of his first 13 shots yesterday, including an uncontested fast-break layup midway through the third quarter—a play he normally finishes with a power dunk.

That miss gave the Clippers a glimmer of hope and came shortly after the Cavaliers



Mark Duncan AP Photo

LOOK OUT BELOW: Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James hangs on the rim after dunking on Elton Brand in a Cavs win last night.

opened a 19-point lead. Elton Brand scored eight points as the Clippers closed the quarter with a 15-8 run.

Los Angeles continued to chip away and got within 80-75. Then James swished a 3-pointer with 3:48 to play. James hit another 3 with 2:13 left for an 88-77 advantage.

Chris Kaman had 18 points and Brand finished with 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers.

Notes: The Cavaliers added security at all entrances to Gund

Arena as each fan in the sell-out crowd of 20,562 got a James bobblehead. The promotion went smoothly. ... The win was Cleveland's first in the second game of a back-to-back set since Dec. 2 at Denver. They are 4-11 overall and snapped a nine-game losing streak in that situation. ... Cleveland G Eric Snow had seven assists and no turnovers and has a 39-to-5 ratio over his last six games. ... Clippers G Rick Brunson shot 3-for-3 on 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and finished with 11 points.

Daniels bringing stability

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and are both essential in different times throughout the game. Even though Ridnour starts, Daniels receives extended playing time during the most crucial situations.

"Luke Ridnour brings speed and forces the tempo, where Antonio brings stability," McMillan said. "(Daniels) understands how to control the game and we normally finish with him at the end of the game."

The strong ball control of Daniels is among the best in the league. Last season, he led the NBA in assist-to-turnover ratio (4.89) and has been in the top five in that category for the last three years. But McMillan said at the start of the season he told Daniels to be more aggressive and take more chances on the offensive end of the floor.

"He doesn't turn the ball over a lot and I think that is due to him not taking chances," McMillan said. "So the challenge this year was for him to assert himself more and he's done that."

The improvements Daniels made this season also have a lot to do with his work ethic. Often times he is the first one to the gym and spends 3 1/2 hours working out before anyone else, which is something he learned from teammate Ray Allen.

"Ray Allen taught me how hard you have to work to be successful in this league," Daniels said. "This year I'm working harder than ever, getting in the gym early, getting shots up before and after

practice and it's paying off."

Being on a winning team is nothing new for Daniels. He has been on six playoff teams in eight seasons and won an NBA championship with the San Antonio Spurs in 1999, just his third year in the league. But Daniels said winning doesn't come easy in the NBA.

"It's hard to learn how to win in this league," he said. "I've learned from a lot of different people along the way."

Daniels said players such as Avery Johnson, Mario Elie, Steve Kerr, Terry Porter, Danny Ferry, Sean Elliot and David Robinson have helped turn him into a winner.

His playoff experience will come in handy this season since he is the only player on the Sonics with an NBA championship ring. Daniels said it's now his responsibility to pass the knowledge of winning to the rest of his team.

"All of the guys that I've played with that had a winning tradition just kind of passed it on down to me," Daniels said. "Now with me being in my eighth year, I'm trying to pass that (winning mentality) down to the younger guys that are on this team."

The Sonics are one of the youngest teams in the NBA with an average age of 26 years. At the age of 30, Daniels is the oldest player on the team and is now looked at as one of the leaders.

"We have a very young team with not very much experience so I know a lot of guys look at the way I carry myself," Daniels said. "When you have a young team

like this that can be influenced very easily, it's very important that you handle yourself in an appropriate manner."

But if it weren't for former teammate Avery Johnson, who is now the interim head coach of the Dallas Mavericks, Daniels might not have the same approach to not only basketball but life in general. After his rookie season with the Vancouver Grizzlies, Daniels was traded to San Antonio. Right away Johnson stepped in and took Daniels under his wing, helping him become the person he is today.

"Avery's been my biggest mentor since I've been in the league by far," Daniels said. "For the four years I was in San Antonio, he really looked out for me and taught me a lot of different things: about how to be professional, how to be a family man and how to handle the NBA life."

Daniels said he is fortunate to be playing basketball as a career, especially playing for one of the best teams in the NBA.

"I'm a very blessed young man," he said. "I get to get up every day and do something that I love to do and not very many people can say that."

It's safe to say that Daniels has accomplished a lot in his eight-year career. But he still is hungry for another taste of an NBA title.

"There is no better feeling than to win an NBA championship," Daniels said. "To be the last team standing and just to have the camaraderie that you have from your teammates is something special."

Falcons wake up bats for 2nd win against Detroit

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bring home the 4-3 win for the Falcons.

The bats stayed alive for the Falcons for the second game as they banged out 15 hits in their 6-3 win to cap the day off. Vallas led the way in that game, collecting three hits while knocking in a pair of runs. Vallas was on fire on the day as she reached base on seven of her eight plate appearances.

More importantly for the Falcons, they got some good innings out of their pitchers that

weren't Liz Vrabel, the junior that has gotten decisions in 13 of the team's 16 games.

Vrabel picked up the win in the first game in relief but it was Kristen Anderson and Emily Gouge who threw the majority of the innings for BG.

Anderson threw eight innings in the first game and allowed just three runs. And Gouge went the distance in the second game, allowing five hits and three runs to pick up her first collegiate win.

"Emily did a great job," Ross-Shaw said. "She had a great fall

for us.

"But with as tough a schedule as we've had it's been hard for her to click."

Up next for the Falcons will be a game against No. 1 Michigan at the BGSU Softball Field today at 4 p.m. For Ross-Shaw, she is just hoping her team plays their game and shows some consistency against an opponent they see on a yearly basis.

"Every year we bring them in or we go there," she said. "I don't really look at them as the number one team in the nation. I just look at them as Michigan."

By Eddie Pells
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Denver Broncos are close to signing former Cleveland Browns defensive lineman Courtney Brown to a free-agent contract.

Brown, the top pick in the 2000 draft, was pursued by Denver, Washington, Seattle and Jacksonville after his release by the Browns earlier this month but decided to sign with the Broncos, a source close to the team told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

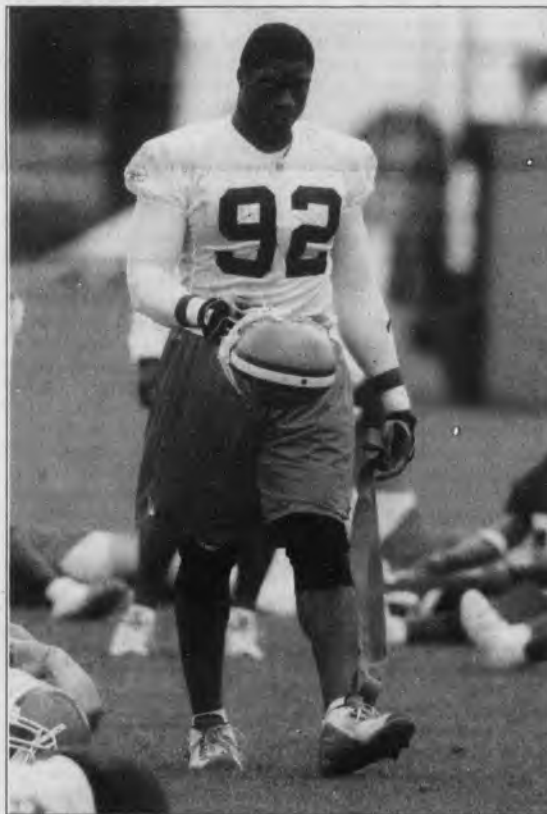
He has agreed to terms of a one-year deal with options to increase it to five, the Denver Post reported, although no contract had been finalized yesterday. The Rocky Mountain News and the Gazette of Colorado Springs also reported the story.

Brown's agent, Marvin Demoff, did not immediately return phone messages left at his office by the AP but he told the Gazette: "I think (Denver) had everything he was looking for. If he had a list of 10 things, they hit on all 10."

Brown's addition will give the Broncos a pair of former Cleveland defensive linemen, neither of whom lived up to their first-round draft status. Earlier this offseason, Denver traded for Gerard Warren, the first-round pick in 2001. The Broncos also hired defensive line coach Andre Patterson, who coached Warren and Brown in Cleveland.

Courtney Brown has missed 33 games over his five-year career with Cleveland, including 14 last season with a torn ligament in his foot. He has registered 17 career sacks.

"The question is, can he stay healthy?" coach Mike Shanahan



Tony Dejak AP Photo

NEW TEAM: Former Browns defensive end Courtney Brown walks off the practice field in Berea before last season. It has been reported that Brown is close to signing a deal with the Denver Broncos.

said at the NFL meetings last week. "And I think that's where he is—he wants to step up, too."

The Brown signing is the latest step in the revamping of the Denver line.

The Broncos have given Trevor

Pryce, injured for most of last season, permission to seek a trade. He will count more than \$9 million against their salary cap next season and the Broncos would like to rework that deal or trade him.

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MLS tries to increase fans' interest

In its 10th year, the league takes some pointers from outside of America to spark interest from U.S. fans.

By Joseph White
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's a funky new look to the Major League Soccer standings this year, at least to the sport's uninitiated. FC Dallas? Chivas USA? Real Salt Lake? What's that all about? Is there a Fake Salt Lake somewhere?

But, to soccer fans, it's a warm familiar look — another sign the adolescent league has stopped trying to Americanize the beautiful game and is more determined than ever to march in step with the rest of the world as it begins its 10th season Saturday.

"It's part of the strategy," commissioner Don Garber said. "These are soccer teams. And if they're trying to look like the type of club the soccer fan is used to seeing, then more than likely those teams aren't called 'the Clash.' That could be the name of a lacrosse team. That could be the name of a rock band — and was."

For that matter, 'Burn' was a baffling moniker to some. Now, the name Dallas Burn has been put to rest, replaced this season by FC Dallas, a timely change as team prepares to move into a new soccer-specific stadium.

FC stands for Football Club, a common prefix or suffix used by storied clubs such as FC Barcelona (Spain), FC Porto (Portugal) and seemingly half the teams in the Netherlands. Fulham FC of England will be the international opponent for the MLS All-Star game on July 30 at Columbus.

Chivas USA and Real Salt Lake are this year's expansion teams, welcome additions for a league that had to shut down franchises in Miami and Tampa Bay in 2002. MLS still operates very much in the red, but it is a 12-team league again.

Chivas USA will help change the financial outlook by tapping further into the Mexican community in the United States. Chivas USA — full name Club Deportivo Chivas USA — is being launched as a sister club of CD Guadalajara, one of Mexico's most popular teams. Chivas, or Goats, is CD Guadalajara's nickname.

Chivas USA will play at the Home Depot Center in Carson, Calif., sharing the facility with the Los Angeles Galaxy and giving two MLS teams to an area not represented in the NFL.

"Chivas USA is going to be from the start just like Chivas in Mexico," said Jorge Vergara, who owns both clubs, "a team of excellence and an open door for Spanish speakers."

That's the kind of talk Garber wants to hear. If Mexicans across the country flock to stadiums

when Chivas USA is in town, the team's draw will be comparable to the impact made by 14-year-old Freddy Adu of D.C. United last season. United averaged 23,686 fans on the road last year, more than 6,000 better than any other team.

"There's a buzz happening in the Hispanic community about this team," Garber said, referring to Chivas. "They could be the Freddy Factor of 2005."

"Not to get way too patriotic about it: These guys really believe in the United States. They really believe in the power of the Hispanic market, the value that the Mexican American consumer can provide all of us."

As for Real Salt Lake, the first word is pronounced RAY-al and means royal in Spanish, as any fan of mega-popular Real Madrid would quickly attest.

The name has met with mixed results from fans who think it's a stretch for a startup team in Utah to associate itself with such a legendary club — and from others who mispronounce it without a clue as to its origin. Others see it as a classy name, although one that will be hard to live up to.

"We're trying to have these teams look, feel, taste, smell like a soccer team, just like the same soccer team that exists in a local market in other countries," Garber said. "Now that being said, you can't change the name and expect to have everything else work for you. You have to act that way, and we're working with our teams and had some success, though we need more success, in not just looking like a soccer team but behaving like one."

MLS has been evolving its game toward the world standard since 2000, when the league ditched the dreaded penalty-kick shootout and the backward-running clock — two failed gimmicks that were supposed to attract the typical American sports fan and instead alienated soccer purists. MLS has since stopped trying to convert Joe NASCAR and concentrated more on nurturing its loyal supporters. Attendance has been steady in recent years; the average was 15,559 last season.

Meanwhile, the league continues to hinge its financial future



Jasper Juinen AP Photo

BEND IT: Real Madrid player David Beckham duels for the ball with Malaga player Fernando Sanz in a match last week. MLS teams are trying to gain fans by taking a page out of Real Madrid's book.

on new, soccer-only stadiums that put teams in a position to break even — and perhaps turn a profit. It's worked in Columbus and Los Angeles, and Dallas this year will unveil the 20,000-seat Frisco Soccer and Entertainment Center, host of this year's MLS Cup. Chicago will move into a new suburban stadium next year, and Colorado expects to do the same in 2007.

On the field, MLS remains a balanced league with a quality of play that gradually increases each year. The big question heading into the opening weekend

was whether Landon Donovan would return from Germany's Bayer Leverkusen and join the Los Angeles Galaxy, who would send Carlos Ruiz to Dallas. Donovan said he won't decide until tomorrow at the earliest. Yesterday, Bayer Leverkusen said Donovan will rejoin MLS after 2 1/2 years in Germany.

First-year coach Peter Nowak led D.C. United from the basement to the MLS Cup title last season, and no one has won

consecutive titles since United in 1996 and 1997, the league's first two years.

"I'm not going to back off an inch," Nowak said. "If you talk to these players last year, they were all tired of losing. And I think the whole point is they don't need to get tired of winning. Last year was last year, everything was great. But it means nothing to say we're going to do the same thing we did last year without working the same way."

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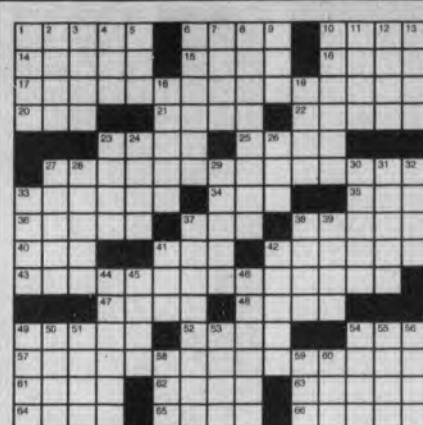
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